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Subject: Awards for Disclosures of Fraud, Waste, and Mismanagement

Section 1703 of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981 established the authority under which Federal agencies may grant their employees cash awards for the disclosure of fraud, waste, and mismanagement in the Government. This legislation amends chapter 45 of title 5, United States Code, to incorporate this program into the Incentive Awards authority. Under the Act, the Inspector General or other employee designated under 5 U.S.C. 4512(b) is required to submit documentation to the Comptroller General substantiating any cash awards made under this program. Agencies should report all such awards to the General Accounting Office as follows:

- (1) Forward a copy of the award justification within 30 days of the actual date of each award approval to the Director, Federal Personnel and Compensation Division, Room 4001, GAO Building, 441 G Street, NW., Washington, D.C. 20548.
- (2) The justification should include
 - -- the amount of the award,
 - --action taken by the agency as a result of the disclosure, and
 - -- the actual or estimated cost savings to the Government.
- (3) Agencies shall retain full documentation of awards granted for employee disclosures for at least 5 years or until GAO reviews each award.

Any questions should be addressed to the Associate Director of the Civilian Group, Federal Personnel and Compensation Division, on 202-275-0304.

Comptroller General of the United States